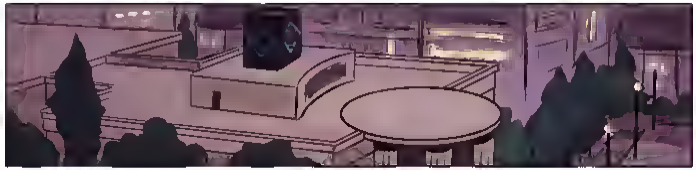
UNDER THE AEGIS

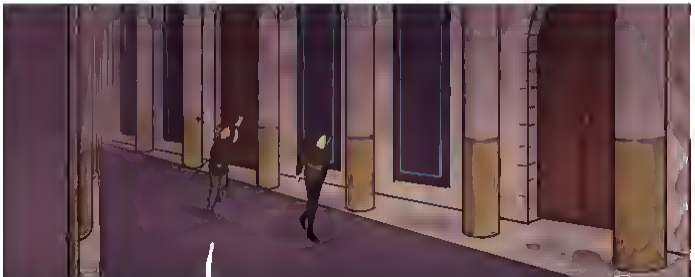
BY VIMEODIEE



YOU'RE LOOKING VERY CHEERFUL! DID YOU AND NEN SORT THINGS OUT?

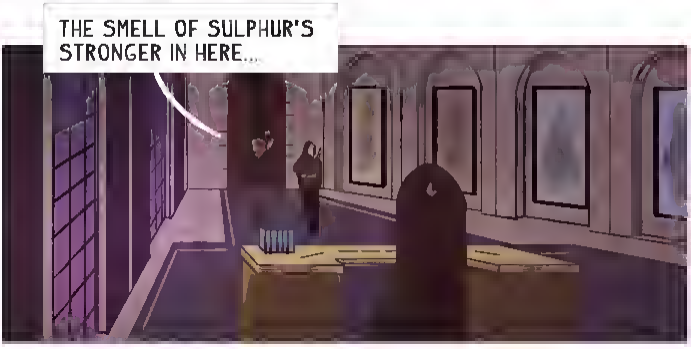
YEAH, SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT...

PLUS, WE'RE GONNA GET SHILOH'S STAFF! EVERYTHING IS GONNA BE AWESOME!

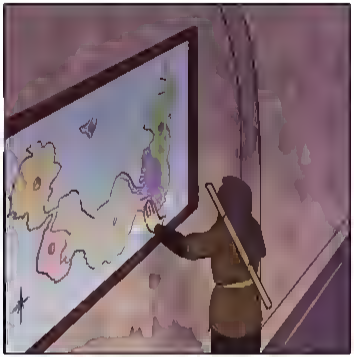

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

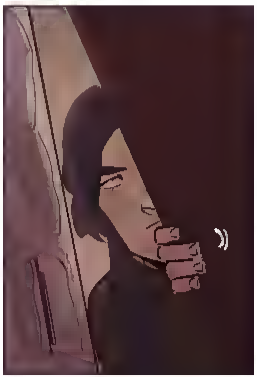
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO WAIT FOR MATTIE—

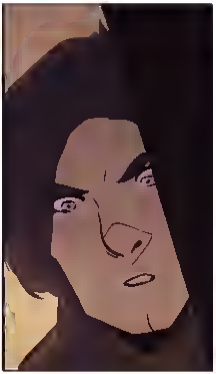
UNLOCKED


THE SMELL OF SULPHUR'S STRONGER IN HERE...

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
I DO NOT KNOW YET.







PRES

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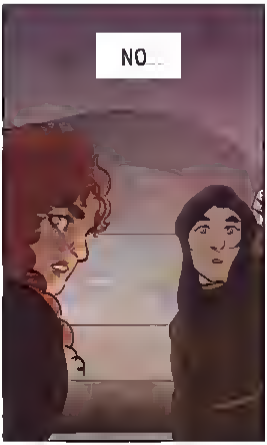
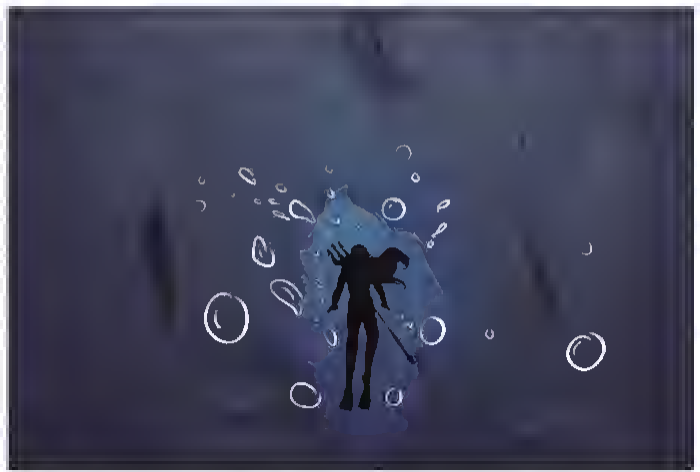
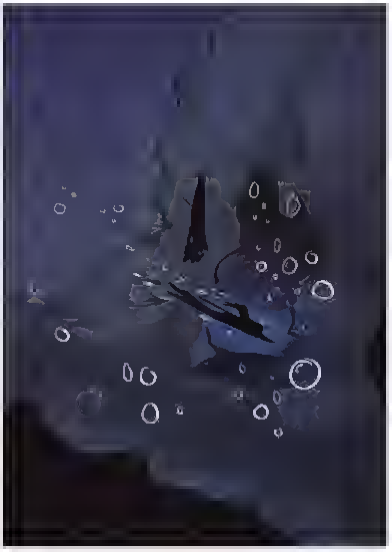
WELL, *THIS* ANSWERS A LOT OF QUESTIONS...

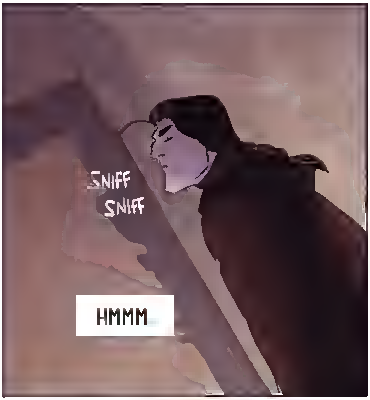

NO...

SHE...*CAN'T* HAVE...



WARM




SNIFF
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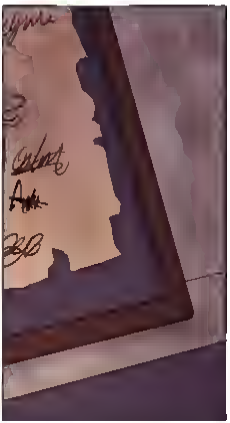
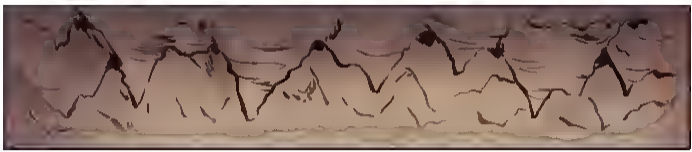
HMMM

THE CHARTER?

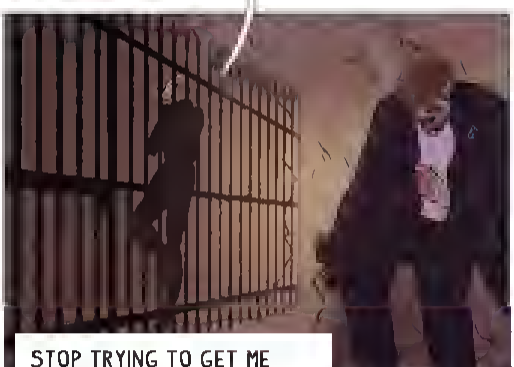
THE LAST TIME I SAW THIS WAS IN THE ARCHIVES...





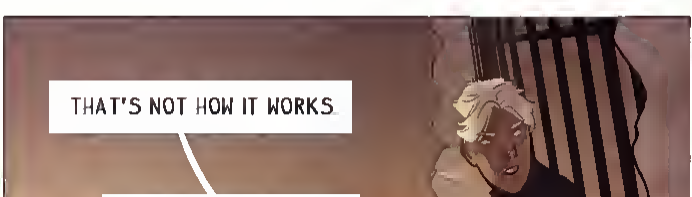
ARGUS..THIS CAN END IF YOU JUST TALK

WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE GHATIKAN



STOP TRYING TO GET ME TO TELL YOU I'D RATHER DIE

DO YOUR LITTLE MAGEIAN MAGIC TRICK AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. THE SKIN OF MY BACK WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.



EVERYONE'S THOUGHTS. WANTS. FEARS AND URGES PRODUCE ENERGY.

WE CAN MANIPULATE THIS ENERGY, IF WE WANT TO AND WE DO SO SPARSELY IT CAN BE VERY DRAINING.

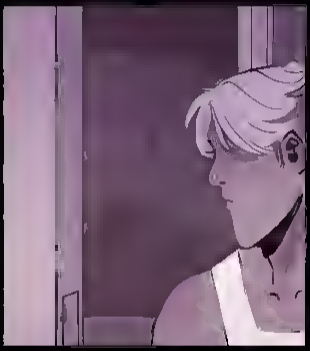
THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS. WE CAN'T USE THIS POWER ON THOSE OF OUR OWN RACE. OR WIELDERS

SO IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN I COULDN'T GET THE INFORMATION I WANTED OUT OF YOU.

I FOUND OTHER WAYS...

Yeah,
Right
there

Sleep



ALL THIS TIME...
I WAS LIVING WITH A LYING, MURDERING--

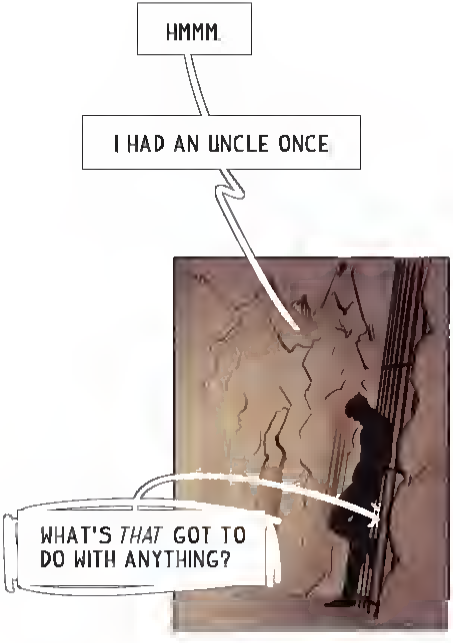
I'VE NEVER KILLED ANYONE

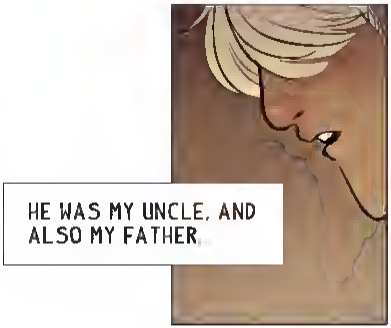
YOU REALLY THINK I'LL BELIEVE THAT? MATTIE--

--WAS NEVER MY TARGET. *YOU* WERE. I'M A RECRUITER, A SEDUCER. NOT A MURDERER.

YOU THINK I'D RISK EXPOSING MYSELF AND MY FAMILY BY KILLING HER OUTRIGHT?

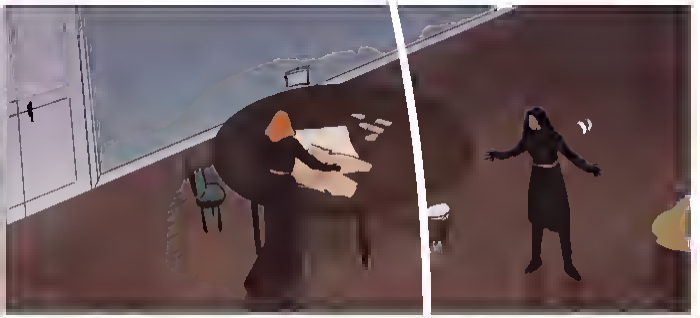
SENDING TRAINED ASSASSINS TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK IS JUST AS WRONG. AND YOU *STILL* WANT MY NIECE TO DIE.


HMMM.
I HAD AN UNCLE ONCE
WHAT'S *THAT* GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

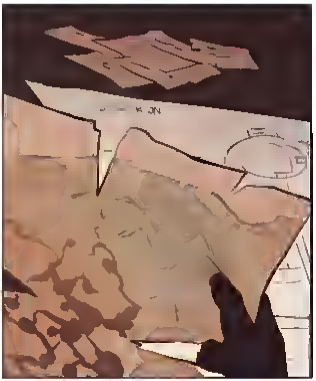

HE WAS MY UNCLE, AND
ALSO MY FATHER.

WHAT?

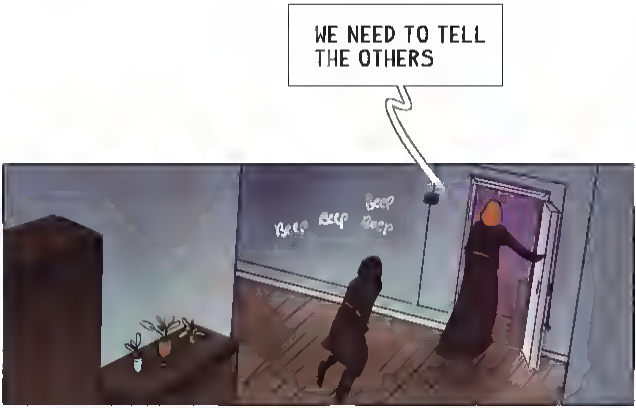
WHY ARE WE EVEN HERE?



IF *WE* HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THE ASSASSINS, DO YOU REALLY THINK THESE *KIDS* WILL HAVE GOTTEN ANY CLOSER?



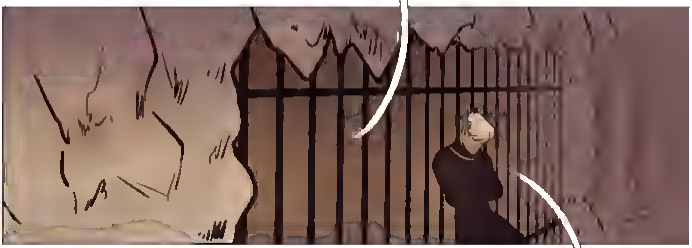
THIS PLACE...


WE NEED TO TELL THE OTHERS
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep

OUR BLOODLINE HAS TO BE PURE FOR US TO INHERIT OUR POWER. BUT WE WERE DYING OUT

MY GRANDFATHER HAD A GROWN SON AND DAUGHTER AND OUT OF DUTY AND DESPERATION...HE FORCED THEM.

I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE ANYONE WOULD *ALLOW* SUCH A THING--



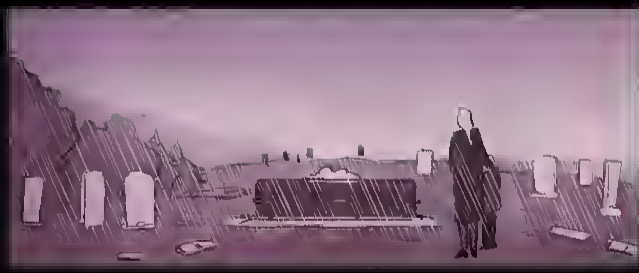
YOU DIDN'T KNOW MY GRANDFATHER. HE WAS A MEAN MANIPULATIVE *BASTARD*. NO ONE STOOD A CHANCE.

MY FATHER COULDN'T ENDURE THE SITUATION FOR LONG.

I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN I FOUND HIM.

THE SHOCK OF IT KILLED MY GRANDFATHER NOT LONG AFTER

SO IT WAS JUST MY MOTHER AND ME...



AND EVEN THOUGH MY GRANDFATHER'S LONG GONE...WE'RE STILL NOT FREE OF HIM

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
DEAD MEN CAN'T TALK

SIR THE WIELDERS ARE COMING

GLANCE

...MATTIE...